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SUBJ: IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY

DEPT. FOR NEA/EX; NEW DELHI FOR RSO

REF: COLOMBO 0658

1. RSO VISITED POST APRIL 8-10 AND CONSULTED WITH PSO AND AMBASSADOR REGARDING REFTEL AND OTHER SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS AND RSO'S ASSESSMENT, POST WISHES AMEND REFTEL AS FOLLOWS. REFERENCES ARE TO NUMBERED PARAS OF REFTEL.

2. REF ITEM 2 A. RCO CORRERI PLANS VISIT POST APRIL 23-26 AT WHICH TIME COMMUNICATIONS MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED. RCO WILL ALSO BE QUERIED RE UTILITY OF "BEEPER" CALL SYSTEM.

3. REF ITEM 2 B&C. BOTH ARE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE MINIMAL SECURITY OF AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

4. REF ITEM 2D. COST, EFFECTIVENESS, AND OTHER FACTORS INVOLVED IN INSTALLATION MISSION WIDE INTRUSION NOISE ALARM SYSTEM DEMONSTRATES THAT PURPOSE WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ITEM 3C. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO EFFECT INSTALLATION INDIVIDUAL DEVICES AT SELECTED IF FUTURE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. RSO HAS SUGGESTED AND EMBASSY AGREES THAT 120 YALE NO. 7#7 AND 197 1/4 LOCKS WOULD ENHANCE SECURITY OF MANY HOUSES. REQUEST FUNDING FOR THESE LOCKS OF \$1,200 INCLUDING AIR FREIGHT

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CHARGES.

5. REF ITEM 2E. PROBLEMS OF STORAGE, DEPLOYMENT , AND USE OF
CONCERTINA WIRE ELIMINATE THIS PROPOSAL FOR ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.
QUESTION OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS, I.E., MACE AND TEAR GAS,
DISCUSSED AND EMBASSY AND RSO WILL COORDINATE REQUIREMENT.

6. REF ITEM 3A. THIS ALREADY FUNDED, STATE 64148.

7. REF ITEM 3B. WOULD APPRECIATE BUREAU COORINATING WITH USIA
FOR EARLY RESPONSE REF FUNDING. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE MOVE CULTURAL
CENTER INTO NEW QUARTERS IN EARLY MAY.

8. REF ITEM 3C. RECENT INCIDENT REPORT OF RISE IN BURGLARIES,
ATTEMPTED OR SUSPECTED BURGLAIRES, ETC. GIVE IMPETUS TO THIS
RECOMMENDATION. BUREAU HAS APPROVED FUNDING OF SHORT-TERM
LEASED PRPOERTIES. ALSO APPRECIATE BUREAU COORINATING WITH
FBO RE EARLY ACTION FUND THIS ITEM AND ITEMS 2 B&C FOR USG-OWNED
PROPERTIES. EMBASSY HOPES AT LEAST INSTALL NEEDED GRILLWORK IN
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ASAP.

9. REF ITEM 4A. IN RECONSIDERATION EMBASSY CONTINUES TO FEEL
THAT AN "ARMORED" CAR FOR THE AMBASSADOR IS NOT NECESSARY.
NEVERTHELESS, THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS WHICH WOULD BE DERIVED
FOR PARTIAL ARMORING OF HIS PRESENT CAR ARE SIGNIFICANT
ENOUGH TO WARRENT TAKING THIS ACTION.
IN ADDITION, WE
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO INCLUDE THE DCM'S CAR. HOWEVER,
WE WOULD FIRST LIKE TO KNOW IF INSTALLATION OF SUCH ARMOR KIT
WILL AFFECT PERFORMANCE OF VEHICLE, I.E. IS WEIGHT OF SUCH
MAGNITUDE AS TO SERIOUSLY IMPEDE ACCELERATION ETC. IF
VEHICLE PERFORMANCE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED, REQUEST TWO KITS
BE PROVIDED EMBASSY.
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